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TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: MTN: APPLICABILITY OF DRAFT STANDARDS CODE TO
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

REF: GENEVA 03922

1. PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL REPORTED ON RESPONSE TO U.S. QUERY AT STANDARDS SUB-GROUP MEETINGS OF MARCH 6-10 REGARDING FUTURE STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REVIEW THE APPLICABILITY OF THE STANDARDS CODE TO AGRICUTLURAL PRODUCTS. AS INDICATED, OTHER DELEGATES WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THIS MATTER AT THAT TIME BUT AGREED TO BE IN CONTACT INFORMALLY. THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE USED IN SUCH CONTACTS.

2. GROUP AGRICULTURE, AT ITS MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 1976, AGREED AMONG OTHER THINGS "TO REVIEW THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DRAFT STANDARDS CODE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AS SUGGESTED IN MTN/NTM/17". THIS REVIEW BEGAN AT THE MARCH 29-30, 1977 MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. AT THAT TIME MOST DELEGATIONS FELT THE CODE SHOULD COVER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. BUT DELEGATIONS COULD NOT AGREE THAT THE TEXT (MTN/NTM/W/94) ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. ACCORDINGLY THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A NOTE

(MTN/AG/W/21) SETTING OUT MAJOR POINTS AND OBSERVATIONS. A MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE WAS THEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19. HOWEVER, THIS MEETING WAS NOT HELD PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE FEAR THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BECOME PREOCCUPIED WITH THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

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3. SINCE THE STANDARDS CODE IS AT AN ADVANCED STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE JULY 15 DEADLINE IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE TO AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. WE PREFER THAT THIS REVIEW BE DONE ON AN INFORMAL PLURILATERAL BASIS AND INCLUDE THOSE PRINCIPALS MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODE AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS FROM THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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